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Mr. Nick Lundhagen

Dear Mr. Lundhagen:

Thank you very much for your letter of 5 May.

I read your comments with interest and appreciate your motivation in writing to me as you did.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

O/DCI, [redacted] bak(10 May 61)

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May 5, 1961

Mr. Allen Dulles,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

It is very evident now that your selection to head the C.I.A. under the new administration, a job which you so ably performed under ex-president Eisenhower, was made for the express purpose of providing them with a "scape goat", for the errors which they knew would come under a man of no experience. I feel you should resign and expose them to the fullest extent over TV and Radio.

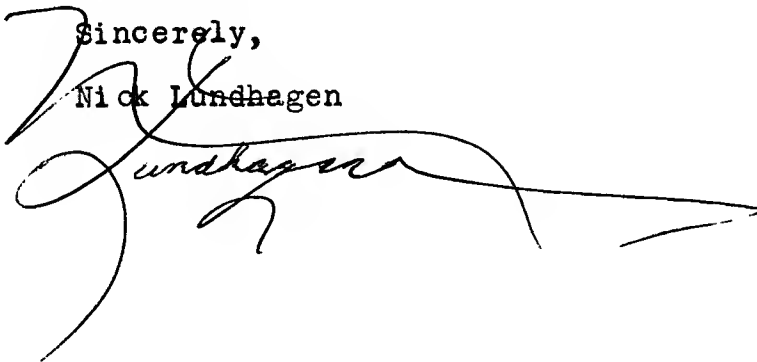
To us, it is evident that orders came to him for the "Cuban fiasco" from abroad. Surely no American could possibly advise such a venture as attempted and now known to all of us as being doomed even before it was started.

All Americans know you are a good and sincere man with wide experience and all of us hate to see you, as stated above, become their 'scapegoat'. Resign now and tell America and the world the plain truth.

God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,

Nick Lundhagen

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lundhagen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.